

# MCDHH E-News: February 10, 2022

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**Kids Assistive Technology** - The purpose of the KAT Program is to provide help when:

- No other funding source is available.
- When other funding sources are not enough to cover the costs of the needed assistive technology or access modifications.

Applications for children in families of lower-income receive priority. More information is available on our website on eligibility requirements.

Funding must be provided by late September 2022, so apply NOW!

Contact Missouri Assistive Technology with any questions at 816-655-6700. For more information, click here [Kids Assistive Technology \(KAT\)](#)

**MCDHH is Celebrating Black History Month** –to view the video, please go to the MCDHH Facebook Page or MCDHH You Tube.

**Legislative Education Project Reminder** - With over 200 disability related bills already filed and in-person testifying occurring, the Governor's Council on Disability wants to remind everyone that we have a video available on the [Legislative Education Project](#) page which can serve as an orientation to testifying in-person at a House or Senate hearing. If individuals or groups have questions after watching this video or any of the others, please contact **Laura Mueth**, Senior Program Specialist, Missouri Governor's Council on Disability and she will schedule a virtual Q&A session. Her email address is [Laura.Mueth@oa.mo.gov](mailto:Laura.Mueth@oa.mo.gov).

**Save The Date! Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference** – October 7-9, 2022 at Tan – Tar – A Lake Resort, Osage Beach, MO. More details TBA.

**Overcoming Barriers in the Healthcare Field Using Technology** Check out some incredible technology that has made the medical field more accessible for students wanting to pursue careers in medicine. These devices allow students to overcome many barriers in the journey to become a physician! Click here to learn more [Barriers in Healthcare](#)

**Instagram and Twitter!** MCDHH now has Instagram and Twitter. Please follow our page MCDHH on Instagram and Twitter to keep updated!

## Upcoming Public Meeting:

### MCDHH Commission Meeting

March 10, 2022

Lohman Landing Building

100 Jefferson St., Jefferson City, MO

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Join the MCDHH Team: Now Hiring a MICS Coordinator

Are you looking for an opportunity to work in a highly visible and respected state agency? Are you interested in approving top quality workshops and assisting in rater training sessions? Then you should join our team! MCDHH is currently looking for applicants to fill the position of **MICS Coordinator**. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Community Announcements

**Allies in Deafhood** is hosting an online workshop on February 10, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss supporting a culture of inclusion. For more information, Click here for [DiLink to Registration Form](#)

**The Disability Rights Legislative Day Planning Committee** is proud to announce Disability Rights Legislative Day 2022 will be held March 9, 2022. A Save the Date is attached and below. Please go to the [event website](#) (DRLD.org) to learn what we are planning and sign up to receive event and registration updates. We hope to see you there!

**William Woods University Honors Program** is conducting undergraduate research concerning the personality of American Sign Language interpreters and other jobs. If you are able, please fill out this short survey and pass it along to other interpreters. Thank you for your time and consideration!  
<https://forms.gle/FnkKpw6RWBu9c5HA>

**IDRT** — Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc is offering myASLTech.com program. Here are some highlights:

myASLTech.com is a unique online toolkit of 10 assistive technologies that enable users to:

- \* Efficiently create and archive ASL-enhanced educational materials and quizzes
- \* Pair text with sign graphics and video in real time to support reading
- \* Build and cloud-share creations with other myASLTech.com Colleagues
- \* Play games that reinforce ASL and English literacy
- \* Read original children's stories with ASL video translations and voiceover

myASLTech.com contains a central growing database of over 11,500 words, phrases, symbols, idioms and numbers and their representative sign language graphics and video clips. As the database expands, so do the capabilities of each assistive technology tool. Training and technical assistance are FREE!

To learn more, visit: [https://www.idrt.com/asltech\\_home.php](https://www.idrt.com/asltech_home.php)



Here is the University of Northern Colorado's logo. It has the University name in blue and the word IRIS in yellow with the words Improving Rural Interpreter Skills in blue. There is a light blue and purple Iris petal on the side on the word IRIS.

**Still time to apply! IRIS (Improving Rural Interpreter Skills) Project Instructional Team** There is still time to apply to be a part of the IRIS instructional team (quick link to the application below)! For more information, including a recording of an informational Q&A session, visit the [IRIS Instructional Candidates](#) webpage. Recruitment for IRIS *participants/students* will be in *Spring 2022*! See more about IRIS on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

**National Deaf Center** is requesting participants to be involve in a single-visit interview (in person or on zoom) to recount their experiences during speech-language therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy to gain their perspectives and inform future clinical decisions. Click the attached flyer [Volunteers wanted for a Research study \(003\).pdf](#) to view the inclusion criteria, program description and the contact information.

**Gallaudet University IRB Approval** needs participants for a study on a novel ASL-based measure of cognitive functioning. To participate: scan QR code or click [Study Flyer.pdf](#) to access study description and to complete eligibility screening or contact Erin Timperlake – Primary Researcher [ASLCogStudy@gallaudet.edu](mailto:ASLCogStudy@gallaudet.edu)

**Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities** is looking for a DeafBlind PCA. This position would be working with a DeafBlind client in the South Kansas City area. Qualified candidates should be fluent in Tactile ASL, be available 3 hours a day Monday-Friday while providing evening personal assistance support. Interested in this position? Contact Sharon Hall at (816) 889-3422 or [Sharon.Hall@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:Sharon.Hall@dmh.mo.gov)